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## Pam Cash-Roper, resident of Bellemont Pointe Apartments, addresses the Town Board of Pittsboro on April 25, 2016:

Randolph Voller, president Jan Nichols, secretary/treasurer Arturo Velasquez, board member

Good evening.

My name is Pam Cash-Roper and I live at Bellemont Pointe Apartments at 167 Winston Way, Apartment 108.

I grew up in Chatham County and my family has deep roots in the community.

Growing up on a farm, I never imagined that I would live in a community like Bellemont Pointe, but I am grateful that Solstice Partners developed my community behinds Lowes Home improvement and the Carolina Brewery.

For years I was taking care of my ill husband, Keith, and we lived on family land in a trailer south of town in the country.

After Keith passed away, I was alone in the country on a nice piece of property, but living in substandard housing.

It was a very difficult time for me and my family.

Fortunately, in December of 2015, I became aware of a new affordable community in Pittsboro called Bellemont Pointe.

The community had 76 rental units that qualify as affordable housing or "income based"- housing.

I applied in December to get a unit and I was very pleased to get accepted as a tenant by the management company.

In January, I moved in to my brand new unit.

Since I have been there, I have seen all of the units fill up and today I live in a very diverse community with folks from Siler City, Pittsboro, Goldston, and Chatham County.

The community is safe and my housing is healthy and energy efficient.

For example, my power bill went from about \$240 a month to \$65 a month, which means I can spend that extra money on my housing, eating at Virlies and enjoying the Town of Pittsboro.

I am well aware that everyone on the Town Board is in favor of affordable housing in Pittsboro.

From personal experience, I highly recommend doing another project like Bellemont Pointe in the Town with Solstice Partners.

If you have any questions, I am glad to answer them and you are more than welcome to stop over and get a tour from me personally of my unit and the community.